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Application No. : 10/708,745 Confirmation No.: 2744  
Applicant: : Michael E. Nerney  
Filed: : 03/23/2004  
TC/A.U. : 3763  
Examiner : Theodoer J. Stigell  
Docket No. : 1193.02  
Customer No. : 21,901  
For : Forward-Mounted Plunger Control for Retrofit  
Attachment to an Existing Syringe

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**AMENDMENT A**

Introductory Comments

Sir:

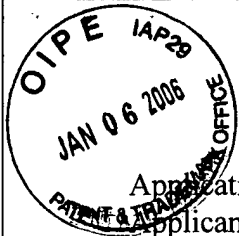
In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 10/06/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 01/06/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing Figures** are attached to page 9 of this paper and include Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawings.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

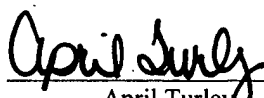
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
**(37 C.F.R. 1.10)**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label No. EV770341685US, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 6, 2006.

Dated: January 6, 2006

  
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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

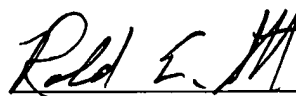
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Indep.	2	Minus	3	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total						Addit. Fee \$0

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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An additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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